

Young Adult Book List

OWP, September 2013

Realistic

Author	Title	Notes
Cohen, Joshua C.	<i>Leverage</i>	Football player Kurt and gymnast Danny struggle to navigate a school with vicious bullying. A brutal look into high school bullying between boys. (Note: graphic rape scene)
Danforth, Emily M.	<i>The Miseducation of Cameron Post</i>	In the early 1990s, when gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center.
Green, John	<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>	Hazel has spent her life being terminal, with thanks to cancerous tumors. But when she meets Augustus at the Cancer Kid Support Group, they both reevaluate the time they have left. 2013 Odyssey Award Audiobook
Haston, Meg	<i>How to Rock Braces and Glasses</i>	Super-stylish and uber-harsh, Kacey Simon is the social dictator of Marquette Middle School. But when an eye infection and a visit to the dentist leave her with Coke-bottle glasses, a mouth full of metal, and...a <i>littthp</i> , Kacey is dismissed by her popular friends, falling so far down the social ladder she can barely see the top, even with her magnifying specs. Will she climb back to the top? Or will she discover that hitting rock bottom kind of...rocks? Book 2: <i>How to Rock Break-Ups and Make-Ups</i> .
Lake, Nick	<i>In Darkness</i>	In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, fifteen year-old Shorty, a poor gang member, is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital, and as he grows weaker, he has visions and memories of his life of violence, and his lost twin sister, and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in 1804. 2013 Printz Winner
Lopez, Diana	<i>Choke</i>	Windy struggles to maintain friends in eighth grade, when the other girls are more concerned with boys and make up... and the choking game.
Metzger, Lois	<i>A Trick of the Light</i>	Mike Welles had everything under control. But that was before. Then there's a voice in his head. A friend, who's trying to help him get control again. More than that--the voice can guide him to become faster and stronger than he was before, to rid his life of everything that's holding him back. If only Mike will listen. Telling a story of a rarely recognized segment of eating disorder sufferers--young men.
Quick, Matthew	<i>Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock</i>	A day in the life of a suicidal teen boy saying good-bye to the four people who matter most to him.
Whaley, John Corey	<i>Where Things Come Back</i>	Seventeen year-old Cullen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's disappearance. 2012 Printz Winner

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Historical & War

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Barnaby, Hannah	<i>Wonder Show</i>	Stories come easily to motherless Portia, and a good thing, too. They sustain her when her father leaves her and when her aunt abandons her to the ghastly McGreavey Home for Wayward Girls. When she escapes, they win her a place with Mosco's Traveling Wonder Show, where she hopes to find her father again somehow, where "freak," "normal" and "family" mean something altogether different—and where Portia begins to take charge of her own story.
Bick, Ilsa J.	<i>Draw the Dark</i>	Christian has visions of the past. A past that involves Nazis in his small Wisconsin town. (A lot of science fiction/fantasy, with a historical base revolved around the POW camps in America during WWII.)
Choldenko, Gennifer	<i>Al Capone Shines My Shoes</i>	Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, is frightened when he discovers that noted gangster Al Capone, a prisoner there, wants a favor in return for the help that he secretly gave Moose. Book 2 is <i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i> , Book 3 is <i>Al Capone Does My Homework</i> .
Donnelly, Jennifer	<i>Revolution</i>	An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy--Louis Charles, the lost king of France.
Gleitzman, Morris	<i>Once</i>	Felix, a Jewish boy in Poland in 1942, is hiding from the Nazis in a Catholic orphanage. The only problem is that he doesn't know anything about the war. And when he thinks his parents are in danger, Felix sets off to warn them--straight into the heart of Nazi-occupied Poland. Book 2 is <i>Then</i> , Book 3 is <i>Now</i> , Book 4 is <i>After</i> .
Silvey, Craig	<i>Jasper Jones</i>	Spurred by the mysterious death of a schoolmate, Charlie confronts racism and his fears as he learns about family, friendship and love in the oppressive heat of small-town 1960s Australia. ((Spoiler) Abuse from a parent occurs off-page.)
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>	In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family.
Wein, Elizabeth	<i>Code Name Verity</i>	Fictional memoirs of a female spy and her best friend, who is a pilot, in WWII. Sequel is <i>Rose Under Fire</i> . 2013 Printz Honor

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Science Fiction & Fantasy

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Bick, Ilsa J.	<i>Ashes</i>	Trilogy (book 2 is <i>Shadows</i> , book 3 is <i>Monsters</i>). When an electromagnetic pulse destroys all electronics, Alex fights to survive in the struggling world.
Hartman, Rachel	<i>Seraphina</i>	Seraphina has a terrible secret... she is half dragon. In a world where dragons can look like and live aside humans, Seraphina must keep her secret, while working to uncover the plot to destroy the peace treaty between humans and dragons. 2013 William C. Morris Debut Award Winner
Ness, Patrick	<i>The Knife of Never Letting Go</i>	Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World. Book 2 is <i>The Ask and the Answer</i> , Book 3 is <i>Monsters of Men</i> .
Roth, Veronica	<i>Divergent</i>	In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all. Book 2 is <i>Insurgent</i> , Book 3 is <i>Allegiant</i> (October 2013).
Stiefvater, Maggie	<i>The Scorpio Races</i>	Beautifully written story in a town where deadly water horses race every November. Not everyone will survive. Sean is the returning champion, with secrets buried deep. Puck is the first girl to enter the competition. 2012 Odyssey Honor for Excellence in Audiobooks 2012 Printz Honor

Classics Tie-In

Author	Title	Notes
Franklin, Emily and Brendan, Halpin	<i>Jenna and Jonah's Fauxmance</i>	Modern retelling of <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> (William Shakespeare); primarily romance, with some comedy.
Jay, Stacey	<i>Juliet Immortal</i>	For seven hundred years, the souls of Romeo and Juliet have repeatedly inhabited the bodies of newly deceased people to battle to the death as sworn enemies, until they meet for the last time as two Southern California high school students. Book 2 is <i>Romeo Redeemed</i> .
Oppel, Kenneth	<i>This Dark Endeavour</i>	The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein series; teenage Victor Frankenstein. Book 2 is <i>Such Wicked Intent</i> .
Shepherd, Megan	<i>The Madman's Daughter</i>	Retelling of <i>The Island of Dr. Moreau</i> (H.G. Wells); first in a trilogy; book 2 will be a retelling of <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> (Robert Louis Stevenson) and book 3 is rumored be a retelling of <i>Frankenstein</i> (Mary Shelley).

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Non-fiction / Biographies

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Bowers, Rick	<i>Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement</i>	A compelling story of how state spies tried to block voting rights for African Americans during the Civil Rights era. This book sheds new light on one of the most momentous periods in American history.
Heiligman, Deborah	<i>Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith</i>	Charles Darwin published <i>The Origin of Species</i> in 1859. Nearly 150 years later, the theory of evolution continues to create tension between the scientific and religious communities. This same debate raged within Darwin himself in his marriage: his wife, Emma, was religious, and her faith gave Charles a lot to think about as he worked on a theory that continues to spark intense debates.
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</i>	The story of the ill-fated ship in compelling detail, offering a gripping account in the voices of survivors, drawing upon oral histories, historical photographs, letters, telegrams, maps and menus.
Macy, Sue	<i>Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)</i>	Take a lively look at women's history from aboard a bicycle, which granted females the freedom of mobility and helped empower women's liberation. Shown through vintage photographs, advertisements, cartoons, and songs.
Reynolds, Luke	<i>Break These Rules: 35 YA Authors on Speaking up, Standing Out, and Being Yourself</i>	Middle grade and young adult authors speak candidly on the unspoken "rules" of adolescence in this collection of moving, inspiring, and often funny essays. This unique volume encourages readers to break with conformity and defy age-old, and typically inaccurate, orthodoxy.
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i>	A riveting thriller told in three parallel stories: the race against time to build the world's first atomic bomb; the determination to stop the Nazis from developing it first; and the stealthy efforts of Soviet spies to steal the American plans. 2013 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery</i>	An introduction to the life of Benedict Arnold that highlights not only the traitorous actions that made him legendary, but also his heroic involvement in the American Revolution.

Awards to Know

Michael L. Printz Award: Literary excellence. Books honored from previous year.

Alex Award: Adult books written with teen appeal.

Margaret A. Edwards Award: Given to an author for a body of work.

William C. Morris Award: Given to books of previously unpublished authors.

And many more awards and recognitions! www.ala.org/yalsa

Teens also win awards from other groups, such as the National Book Award and the Coretta Scott King Award.

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